

### Child Care

The Division of Child Care and Early Learning (DCCEL) was created in July 2001 to consolidate state child care responsibilities and improve the overall administration and quality of the state's child care programs. DCCEL is responsible for establishing Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) policy and procedures, licensing child care centers and family home providers, and for the overall integrity of Washington State's child care programs. Two major child care programs previously run by the Children's Administration, Seasonal and Homeless child care, were moved from Children's to the newly formed division in July 2001.

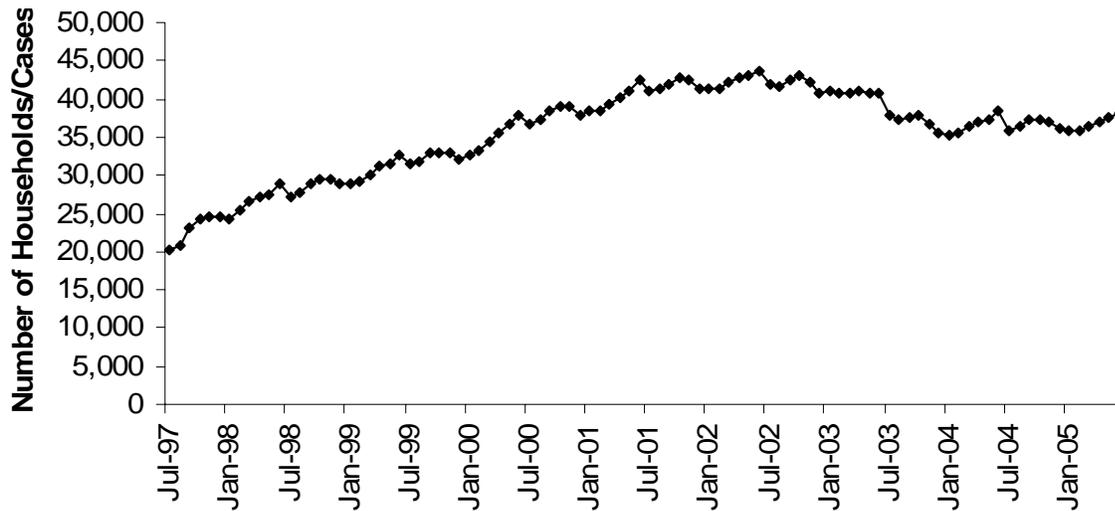
#### Highlights:

- **The average number of households served per month in Working Connections Child Care (WCCC), which had declined from 41,406 in SFY 2003 to 36,911 in SFY 2004, remained stable at 36,762 in SFY 2005.** The average number of children served per month declined from 70,709 in SFY 2003 to 61,589 in SFY 2005.
- The percent of households served by WCCC that are not receiving TANF benefits remained stable at 77% in SFY 2005.
- The percent of children served by WCCC that are cared for in a setting exempt from licensing regulations has declined steadily, **hitting a new low of 21% for non-TANF children and 18% for TANF children in SFY 2005.**
- **Center care is the most commonly used type of care for children in WCCC,** being the only type of subsidized care used by 56% of TANF children and 48% of non-TANF children.
- **Among TANF children served through WCCC, 53% are Caucasian, 16% are Hispanic, 16% are Black, 4% are Native American, 2% are Asian, and 9% are of some other ethnic group or their ethnicity was unknown. For non-TANF children served through WCCC, 56% are Caucasian, 21% are Hispanic, 10% are Black, 2% are Native American, 2% are Asian, and 10% are of some other ethnic group or their ethnicity was unknown.**
- The number of children served in the Seasonal Child Care Program averaged 1,627 children per month in SFY 2005, ranging from a low of 505 in January 2005 to a high of 2,665 in July 2005.

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### Working Connections Child Care Cases SFY 1998 to SFY 2005

Source: SSPS Payment History



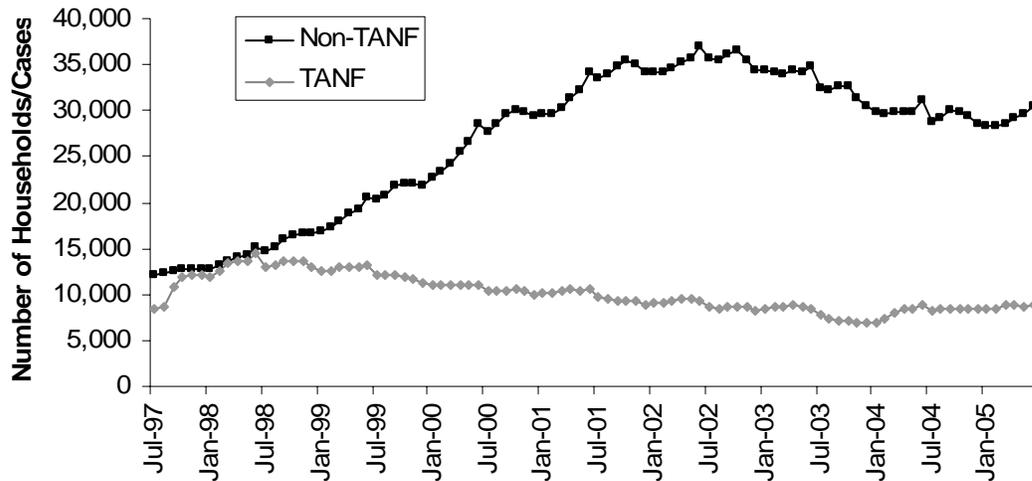
	SFY1998	SFY1999	SFY2000	SFY2001	SFY2002	SFY2003	SFY2004	SFY2005
<b>July</b>	20,133	27,234	31,544	36,623	41,067	41,808	37,956	35,883
<b>August</b>	20,726	27,720	31,888	37,375	41,399	41,648	37,277	36,428
<b>September</b>	23,044	28,859	32,847	38,441	41,942	42,363	37,703	37,370
<b>October</b>	24,265	29,568	32,872	39,127	42,774	43,022	37,835	37,397
<b>November</b>	24,459	29,556	32,867	38,895	42,439	42,122	36,564	37,004
<b>December</b>	24,461	29,044	32,102	37,957	41,276	40,815	35,621	36,084
<b>January</b>	24,309	28,952	32,652	38,373	41,462	40,904	35,234	35,816
<b>February</b>	25,427	29,161	33,275	38,441	41,472	40,757	35,570	35,982
<b>March</b>	26,581	30,179	34,276	39,188	42,074	40,693	36,506	36,483
<b>April</b>	27,305	31,106	35,538	40,313	42,826	41,053	37,087	37,001
<b>May</b>	27,564	31,452	36,588	40,990	43,186	40,821	37,161	37,454
<b>June</b>	28,866	32,663	37,930	42,366	43,629	40,860	38,416	38,242
<b>Monthly Avg.</b>	24,762	29,625	33,698	39,007	42,129	41,406	36,911	36,762

Note: Cases are unduplicated based on information from the name, date of birth and social security fields.

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### Working Connections Child Care Cases by TANF Status SFY 1998 to SFY 2005

Source: SSPS Payment File



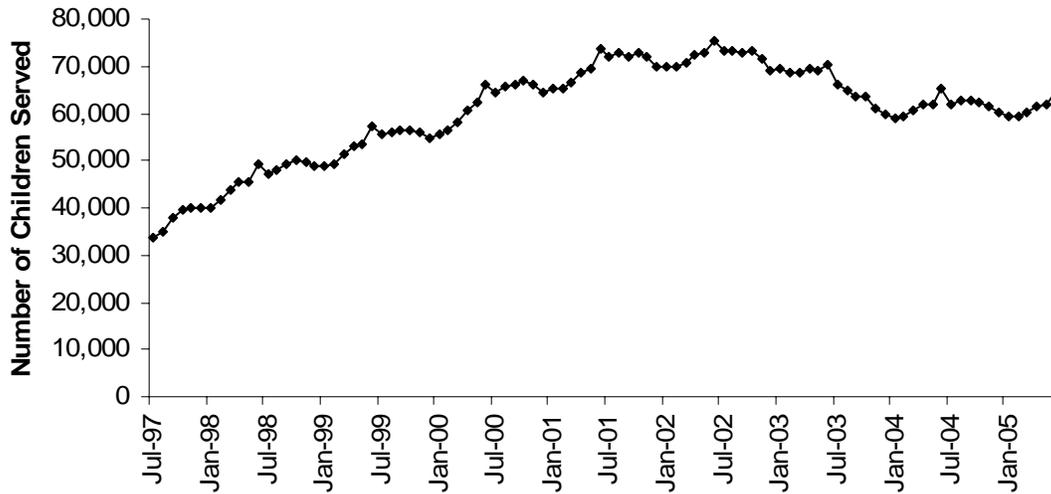
SFY 2005	Total	TANF		Non-TANF	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
July	35,883	8,255	22.2%	28,850	77.8%
August	36,428	8,346	22.2%	29,263	77.8%
September	37,370	8,476	22.0%	29,974	78.0%
October	37,397	8,466	22.1%	29,906	77.9%
November	37,004	8,496	22.4%	29,432	77.6%
December	36,084	8,381	22.7%	28,616	77.3%
January	35,816	8,407	22.9%	28,300	77.1%
February	35,982	8,509	23.1%	28,346	76.9%
March	36,483	8,764	23.4%	28,631	76.6%
April	37,001	8,787	23.1%	29,178	76.9%
May	37,454	8,743	22.8%	29,619	77.2%
June	38,242	8,870	22.5%	30,566	77.5%
<b>Monthly Avg.</b>	<b>36,762</b>	<b>8,542</b>	<b>22.6%</b>	<b>29,223</b>	<b>77.4%</b>

**Note:** Cases are unduplicated based on information from the name, date of birth and social security fields. The sum of TANF and non-TANF cases will be greater than the total number of cases because some cases may be coded both as TANF and non-TANF cases.

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### Children Served by Working Connections Child Care SFY 1998 to SFY 2005

Source: SSPS Payment File



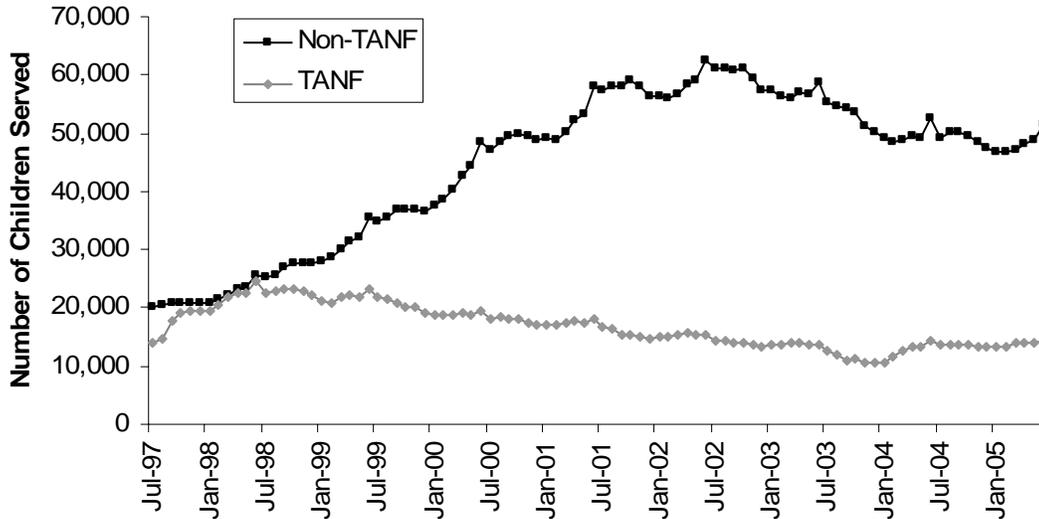
	SFY1998	SFY1999	SFY2000	SFY2001	SFY2002	SFY2003	SFY2004	SFY2005
<b>July</b>	33,889	47,055	55,552	64,344	72,020	73,326	65,967	61,868
<b>August</b>	35,012	48,125	56,132	65,770	72,806	73,165	64,844	62,905
<b>September</b>	38,066	49,376	56,619	66,266	71,890	72,689	63,750	62,849
<b>October</b>	39,730	50,066	56,263	66,829	72,820	73,265	63,505	62,405
<b>November</b>	39,941	49,854	56,014	66,159	71,883	71,526	60,940	61,448
<b>December</b>	39,999	49,044	54,801	64,605	69,846	69,141	59,582	60,186
<b>January</b>	39,851	48,679	55,590	65,084	69,927	69,276	58,775	59,365
<b>February</b>	41,616	49,133	56,509	65,070	69,839	68,673	59,185	59,473
<b>March</b>	43,737	51,164	58,226	66,483	70,794	68,546	60,726	60,380
<b>April</b>	45,349	53,117	60,739	68,757	72,395	69,579	61,842	61,386
<b>May</b>	45,681	53,579	62,432	69,678	72,937	68,997	61,780	61,934
<b>June</b>	49,350	57,235	66,266	73,730	75,474	70,320	65,367	64,874
<b>Monthly Avg.</b>	41,018	50,536	57,929	66,898	71,886	70,709	62,189	61,589

**Note:** Children are unduplicated based on information from the name and date of birth fields for the service recipient as well as information from the primary recipient field.

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### Children Served by Working Connections Child Care, by TANF Status SFY 1998 to SFY 2005

Source: SSPS Payment File



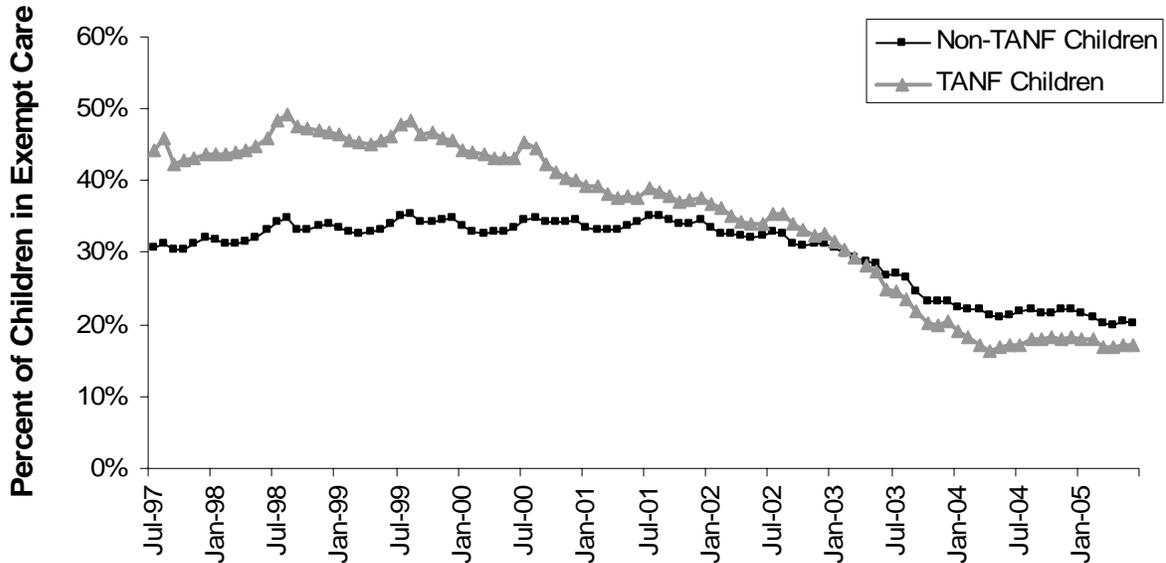
SFY 2005	Total	TANF		Non-TANF	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>July</b>	61,868	13,634	21.7%	49,234	78.3%
<b>August</b>	62,905	13,797	21.6%	50,087	78.4%
<b>September</b>	62,849	13,582	21.3%	50,117	78.7%
<b>October</b>	62,405	13,519	21.4%	49,592	78.6%
<b>November</b>	61,448	13,457	21.7%	48,633	78.3%
<b>December</b>	60,186	13,368	22.0%	47,499	78.0%
<b>January</b>	59,365	13,382	22.3%	46,633	77.7%
<b>February</b>	59,473	13,456	22.4%	46,670	77.6%
<b>March</b>	60,380	13,883	22.7%	47,188	77.3%
<b>April</b>	61,386	14,048	22.6%	48,166	77.4%
<b>May</b>	61,934	13,852	22.1%	48,790	77.9%
<b>June</b>	64,874	14,368	21.8%	51,678	78.2%
<b>Monthly Avg.</b>	61,589	13,696	22.0%	48,691	78.0%

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### Percent of Children in Working Connections Child Care in Exempt Care by TANF Status, SFY 1998 to SFY 2005

Source: SSPS Payment File



#### SFY 2005

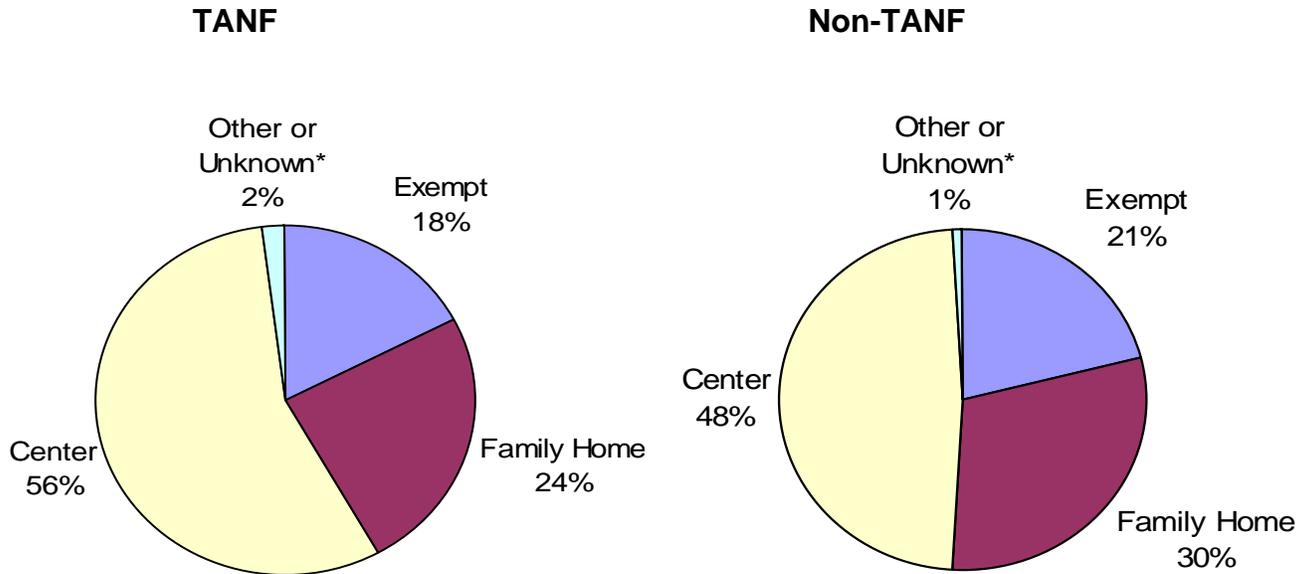
	TANF		Non-TANF	
	Number in Exempt Care	% Exempt Care	Number in Exempt Care	% Exempt Care
<b>July</b>	2,342	17.2%	10,795	21.9%
<b>August</b>	2,472	17.9%	11,121	22.2%
<b>September</b>	2,430	17.9%	10,806	21.6%
<b>October</b>	2,460	18.2%	10,713	21.6%
<b>November</b>	2,435	18.1%	10,703	22.0%
<b>December</b>	2,432	18.2%	10,474	22.1%
<b>January</b>	2,408	18.0%	10,096	21.6%
<b>February</b>	2,400	17.8%	9,834	21.1%
<b>March</b>	2,331	16.8%	9,496	20.1%
<b>April</b>	2,368	16.9%	9,620	20.0%
<b>May</b>	2,363	17.1%	9,936	20.4%
<b>June</b>	2,464	17.1%	10,383	20.1%
<b>Monthly Avg.</b>	2,409	17.6%	10,331	21.2%

**Note:** Children receiving care from more than one type of provider are coded to just one type of provider using the following logic: exempt, if any exempt care provider is used; family home, if no exempt care provider is used and the child is cared for by a licensed family home provider; and center if a child is cared for by a center provider and not an exempt provider or a licensed family home provider. Exempt care is child care that is exempt from licensing and is provided either in the child's home or in the home of a relative. If a child used both exempt and licensed care in a given month, the child was counted as using exempt care.

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### Percent of Children Using Working Connections Child Care by Facility Type and TANF Status, SFY 2005

Source: SSPS Payment File



	TANF				Non-TANF			
	Exempt	Family Home	Center	Other or Unknown*	Exempt	Family Home	Center	Other or Unknown*
<b>July</b>	2,342	3,317	7,544	431	10,795	14,833	23,038	568
<b>August</b>	2,472	3,330	7,580	415	11,121	14,962	23,364	640
<b>September</b>	2,430	3,310	7,553	289	10,806	15,103	23,567	641
<b>October</b>	2,460	3,282	7,529	248	10,713	14,810	23,687	382
<b>November</b>	2,435	3,231	7,573	218	10,703	14,119	23,494	317
<b>December</b>	2,432	3,234	7,503	199	10,474	13,565	23,159	301
<b>January</b>	2,408	3,321	7,417	236	10,096	13,266	22,880	391
<b>February</b>	2,400	3,297	7,531	228	9,834	13,440	23,046	350
<b>March</b>	2,331	3,412	7,924	216	9,496	13,916	23,406	370
<b>April</b>	2,368	3,417	8,065	198	9,620	14,350	23,797	399
<b>May</b>	2,363	3,374	7,944	171	9,936	14,553	23,938	363
<b>June</b>	2,464	3,537	8,109	258	10,383	15,519	25,176	600
<b>Monthly Avg.</b>	2,409	3,339	7,689	259	10,331	14,370	23,546	444
<b>Monthly Avg. Pct</b>	18%	24%	56%	2%	21%	30%	48%	1%

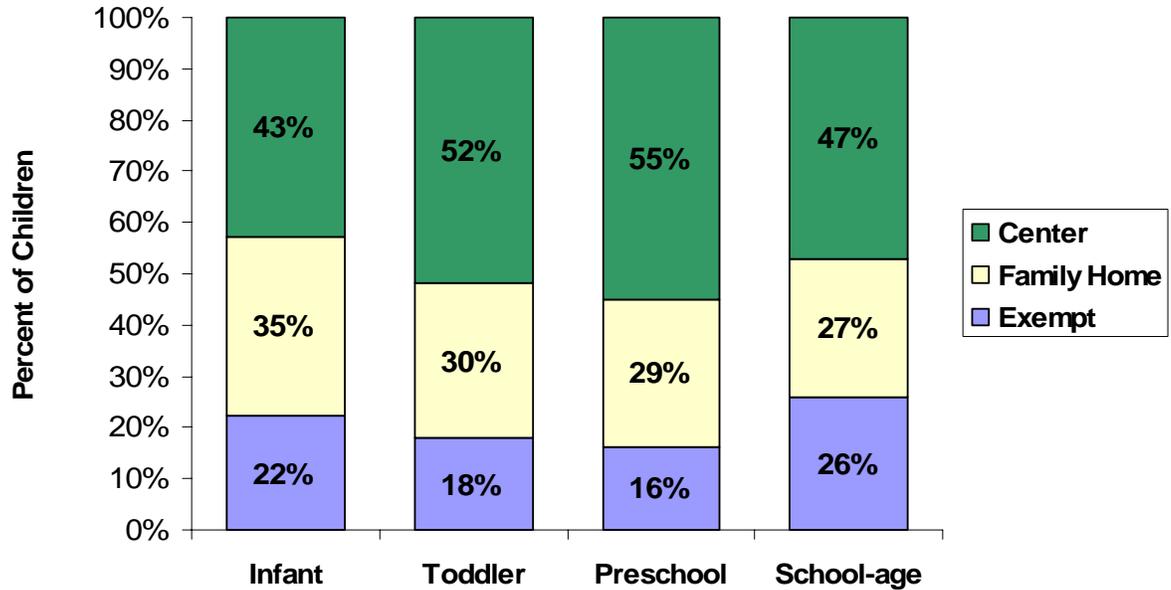
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\* Other or Unknown are mostly care coded as licensed but not clearly identified as either a center or family home. A small number of children attending summer camps that are exempt from licensing included as well.

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### Average Number/Percent of Children Served in Working Connections Child Care Per Month By Facility Type and Age of Child, SFY 2005

Source: SSPS Payment File



	Infant		Toddler		Preschool		School-Age	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Exempt</b>	865	22%	1,788	18%	3,694	16%	6,342	26%
<b>Family Homes</b>	1,350	35%	3,001	30%	6,535	29%	6,676	27%
<b>Center</b>	1,662	43%	5,134	52%	12,556	55%	11,563	47%
<b>Other or Unknown</b>	30	1%	34	0%	89	0%	271	1%
<b>Total</b>	3,907	100%	9,957	100%	22,874	100%	24,851	100%

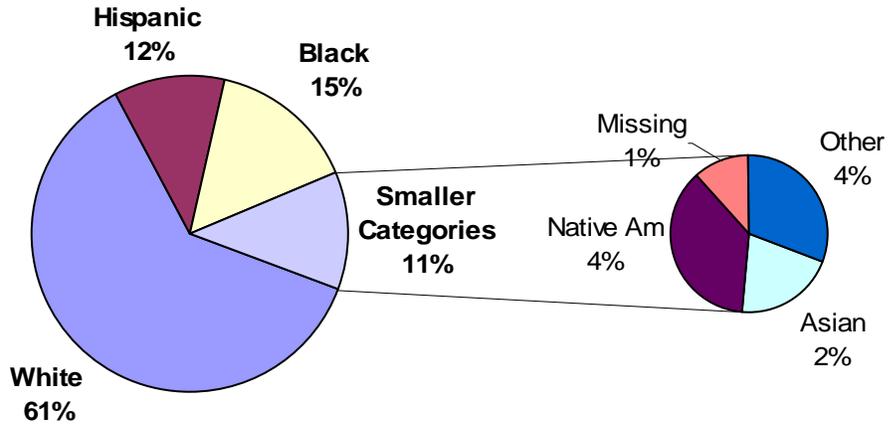
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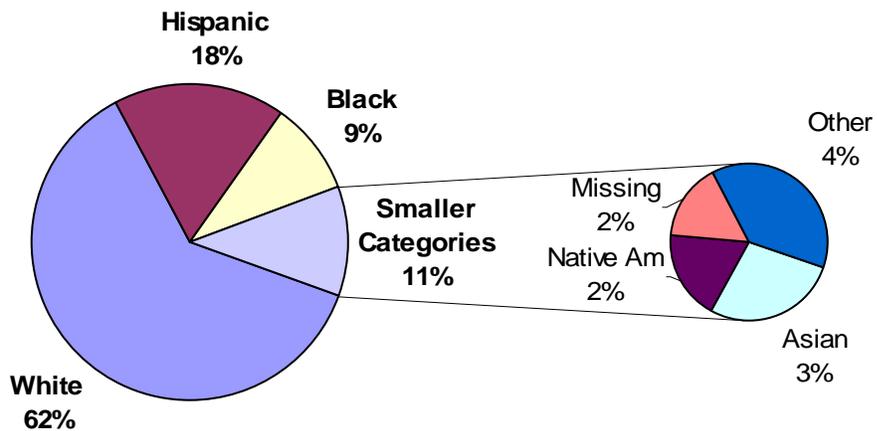
### Distribution of Working Connections Child Care Cases by TANF Status and Ethnic Group, SFY 2005

Source: Division of Child Care and Early Learning

#### TANF Households



#### Non-TANF Households

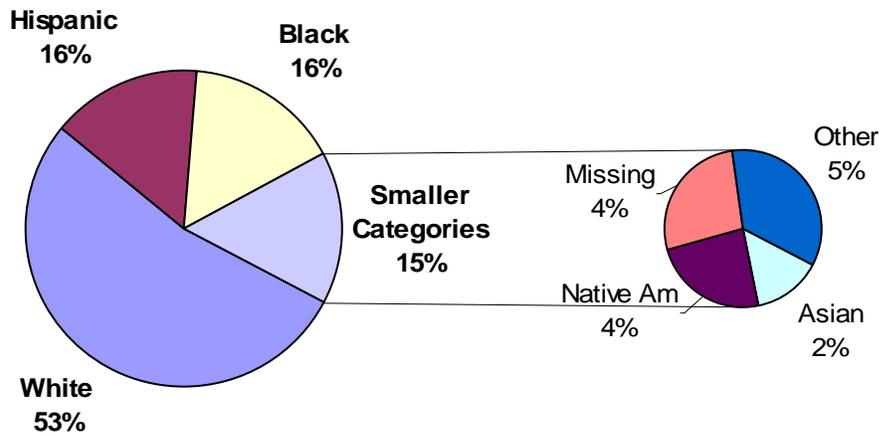


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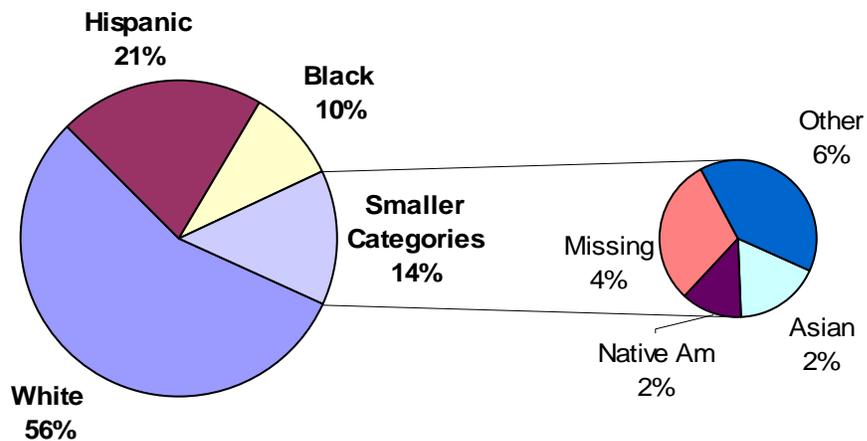
### Distribution of Children Served by Working Connections Child Care by TANF Status and Ethnic Group, SFY 2005

Source: Division of Child Care and Early Learning

#### TANF Children



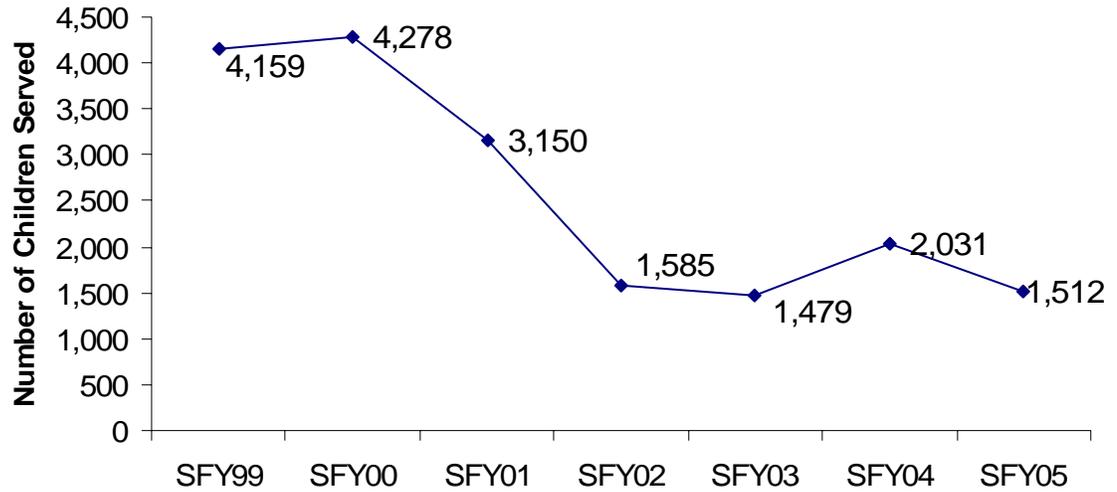
#### Non-TANF Children



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### Number of Children Served in Homeless Child Care Program by State Fiscal Year

Source: Division of Child Care and Early Learning

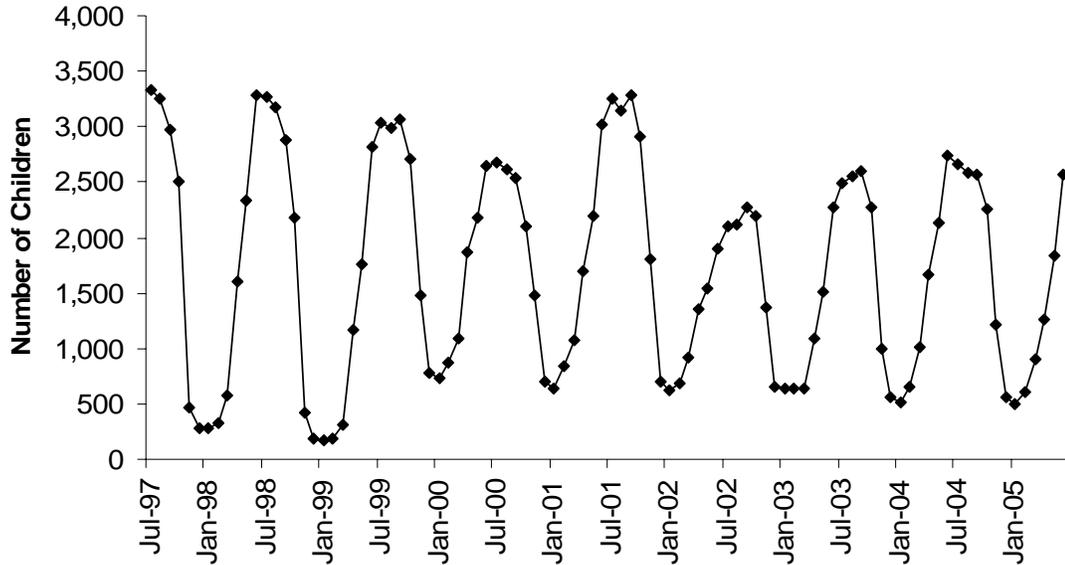


**Note:** Decreases in children served from SFY 2000 correspond to changes in child counting methodology and increased length of service episodes needed by chronically homeless families. The Homeless Child Care Program moved from Children's Administration to Economic Services Administration in July 2001. This program was redesigned to better meet family needs for SFY05.

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### Number of Children Served in Seasonal Child Care Program by Month, SFY 1998 to SFY 2005

Source: SSPS Payment File



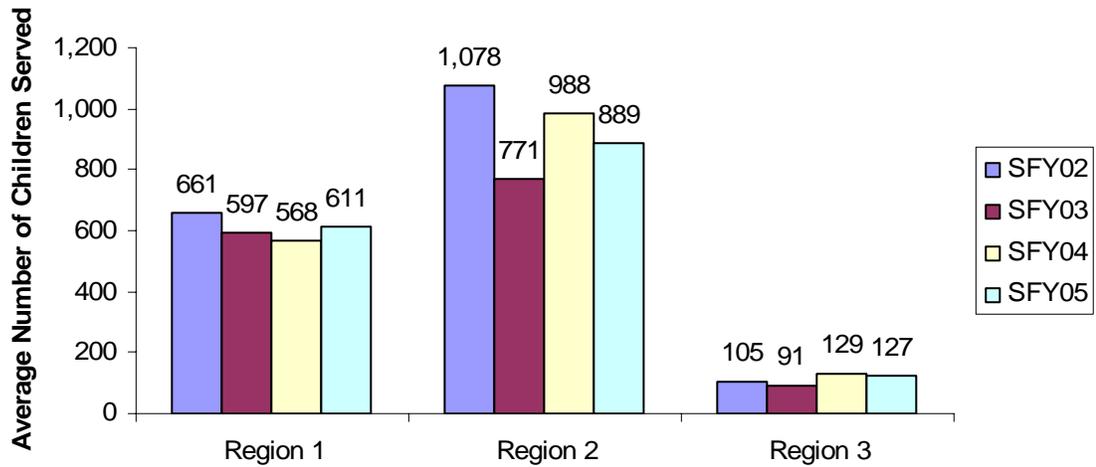
	SFY1998	SFY1999	SFY2000	SFY2001	SFY2002	SFY2003	SFY2004	SFY2005
<b>July</b>	3,337	3,268	3,033	2,680	3,251	2,098	2,497	2,665
<b>August</b>	3,258	3,175	2,985	2,619	3,143	2,117	2,551	2,588
<b>September</b>	2,978	2,885	3,069	2,543	3,289	2,275	2,600	2,567
<b>October</b>	2,508	2,179	2,712	2,108	2,904	2,199	2,269	2,254
<b>November</b>	462	416	1,476	1,486	1,802	1,363	996	1,218
<b>December</b>	280	192	782	700	706	650	568	566
<b>January</b>	275	175	733	636	627	639	519	505
<b>February</b>	325	187	869	841	689	642	657	608
<b>March</b>	576	309	1,084	1,069	924	644	1,015	897
<b>April</b>	1,604	1,171	1,863	1,699	1,350	1,086	1,669	1,255
<b>May</b>	2,340	1,751	2,182	2,200	1,542	1,511	2,130	1,829
<b>June</b>	3,288	2,819	2,650	3,013	1,893	2,275	2,742	2,570
<b>Monthly Avg.</b>	1,769	1,544	1,953	1,800	1,843	1,458	1,684	1,627

**Note:** The cyclical flux corresponds to seasonal crop growth and harvest. In FY'00 program use in the winter increased and has remained constant due to the availability of more year-round work (packing houses, pruning) and program changes. In July 2001 the Seasonal Child Care Program moved from Children's Administration to Economic Services Administration. Starting in FY02 families were referred to Working Connections Child Care if they met the eligibility rules for both the Seasonal and WCCC child care subsidy programs. Contractors also were monitored to stay within their budgeted funds for the fiscal year, leading some contractors to limit services.

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### Average Number of Children Served per Month in Seasonal Child Care Program by DSHS Region SFY 2002 to SFY 2005

Source: SSPS Payment File



**Note:** The distribution of children served by DSHS Region in the Seasonal Child Care Program corresponds to the breadth and length of agricultural work and the amount of funds allocated to the Region. The Seasonal Child Care Program moved from Children's Administration to Economic Services Administration in July 2001.